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SUBJECT: SOVIET LETTER ON BERLIN REPRESENTATION IN UN

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1. AT ITS JULY 10 MEETING, THE BONN GROUP AGAIN DISCUSSED RESPONDING TO THE MALIK LETTER ON FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN INTERESTS (USUN 23922). THE US REP REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHROITIES DID NOT FAVOR SENDING A REPLY TO THE MALIK LETTER (REF A), BUT THAT SOME FORM OF INFORMAL REACTION COULD BE CONSIDERED IN COMING MONTHS. INASMUCH AS THE FRG PRESS HAS STILL NOT FOCUSED ON THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF THE MALIK LETTER, THE UK REP REPEATED HIS EARLIER VIEW THAT A BRIEFING FOR NEWSMEN MIGHT BE LIKELY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL, UNDESIRABLE QUESTIONS IN THE PRESS. THE FRENCH AND GERMAN REPS SUPPORTED THIS VIEW.

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF BEST MEANS OF GETTING ALLIED
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VIEWS ON THE UN RECORD COVERED MOSTLY OLD GROUND FROM

PREVIOUS MEETING (REF B). THE FRENCH AND BRITISH REPS HAD NOT HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS, BUT BOTH NOW TENDED TO FAVOR NON-CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENT WHICH COULD BE INSERTED INTO THE UNGA DEBATE ON THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO GERMAN STATES. THE FRG REP (BLECH), WHOSE AUTHORITIES HAD ALSO NOT YET FORMED A FINAL POSITION ON SUBJECT, PERSONALLY PREFERRED SOME KIND OF RESPONSE. HE WARNED AGAIN THAT IN DISTRIBUTING THE MALIK LETTER THE SOVIETS COULD WELL BE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE ATTACKS ON FRG-WEST BERLIN TIES.

3. AT THIS POINT THE BRITISH PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT FOR USE IN ALLIED STATEMENTS DURING THE UNGA DEBATE: BEGIN TEXT: AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FRG INDICATED IN HIS LETTER OF 13 JUNE 1973, THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND US GOVERNMENTS HAVE AUTHORIZED THE FRG TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE WSB IN THE UN, PROVIDED THAT MATTERS CONCERNING THE SECURITY AND STATUS OF THE WSB ARE NOT AFFECTED. THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE THREE POWERS WAS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE THREE POWERS, WHICH WERE ENDORSED IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

4. AT FIRST READING, BLECH SAID THE DRAFT SEEMED APPEALING. HE PARTICULARLY LIKED THE FACT THAT NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE MALIK LETTER. THE FRENCH REP (BELLESCIZE) SAID THE DRAFT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIS AUTHORITIES, WHO WOULD PROBABLY BE ANXIOUS TO REDRESS THE IMBALANCE OF ONLY SOVIET AND FRG STATEMENTS ON THE RECORD TO DATE CONCERNING A MATTER RELATING TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. IT WAS AGREED TO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH ALLIES AND FRG HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR AUTHORITIES, ALL ARE LEANING TOWARD TYPE OF REPLY PARA 3 ABOVE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED BY A RESPONSE OUTWEIGH THE VALUE WHICH SUCH A STATEMENT, EVEN IN TERMS PROPOSED BY THE UK, WOULD HAVE IN COMBATING ANY POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE CONCERN-
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